



REMARKS

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). The Examiner rejected Claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Such rejections are noted.

Figure 1, showing a prior art trailer jack with the present invention attached to the jack, has been revised to show details of the jack. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-14 are allowable.

The Applicant's Representative, Thomas A. Kulaga, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Lee Wilson on March 15, 2004. Mr. Kulaga confirmed that Mr. Wilson had received the complete amendment filed in response to the previous Office Action. During this interview, Mr. Kulaga explained the operation of the prior art device and how Applicant's invention interacted with the jack. Mr. Kulaga explained that the preamble to the independent claims included a brief description of the prior art jack to establish the environment of Applicant's invention. Mr. Wilson expressed a desire to have the drawings show the apertures **121** on Figure 1. It was agreed that, for the sake of clarity, Figure 1 would be revised to show at least two of the apertures **121** in the first tube member **116**. Mr. Wilson stated that he would write a summary of the interview.

Objection to the Drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a).

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). Figure 1 has been amended to show the apertures **121** in the prior art jack. The amendment to Figure 1 does not include any new matter. With this revised figure, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his objection to the drawings.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states that the apertures on the first tube member are not visible on the drawings.

Based on a telephone interview conducted with the Examiner, Figure 1 has been amended to clearly show the apertures **121** on the first tube member **116**. The illustrated apertures **121** are just a few of a plurality of apertures **121** that extend along the first member **116** and are engaged by the jack pin **120**. With the amendment of Figure 1 to show the apertures **121**, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are not indefinite and are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his rejections of Claims 1-14.

Conclusion

In view of the amendment of Figure 1, it is believed that the above-identified patent application is in a condition for the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Such action by the Examiner is respectfully requested. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that any of the drawings or other portions of the application are still not allowable, it will be appreciated if the Examiner will telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1910 (27228.00).

Respectfully submitted,



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